

## WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### Why do we have an Offering? And what is a “tithe”?

From the very beginning, God’s people brought offerings to Him (Gen. 4:3-4; 14:21; 28:22). In doing so, they were confessing that all they had ultimately came from God and actually belonged to Him. Offering a portion was a way of showing gratitude. It was also a way of paying tribute, of giving honor to God as the Sovereign Lord of All.

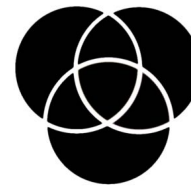
As we see in the stories of Abraham and Jacob, it was common to give God a tenth (or “tithe”) of one’s income. This principle was later codified in the Law given to Moses. God told the people of Israel to give a tenth to provide for the livelihood of His priests, to maintain the work of the Tabernacle/Temple, and to provide for the poor (Deut. 14:28-29).

For the Israelites the offerings were usually animals, crops, or prepared food. They were elements of God’s creation which the people had cultivated by long hours of labor and care. As the fruit of human labor they symbolized the life of the people. Thus, in offering the work of their hands, the people were offering their very lives to God that He might use them to accomplish His purposes.

These principles were carried over into the New Covenant. The Early Church was known for sacrificial generosity (Acts 4:32-37). Recognizing that God had offered His own Son for them, they gladly gave all they had to Him.

For these reasons the offering is a significant part of our worship service. It is not simply a way for the church to keep the lights on. Nor is it payment for spiritual services rendered or dues for a holy club.

When we drop our tithes into the plate, we must remember that we are offering our very selves to God. He accepts our tribute, not because of anything within us, but because we are united to His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ our lives and our work have been made pleasing to God and useful for the advancement of His Kingdom in our community and throughout the world.



# TRINITY

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 25th, 2022**

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Prelude

Announcements

### GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-6

†Congregational Singing

#267 “Come Thou Almighty King”

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

†Collect

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

†Congregational Singing

#177 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

### GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

*Silent Confession*

Corporate Confession

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing #234 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Judges 16:4-9, 16-24, 28-31  
Epistle Reading Romans 16:17-20, 25-27  
†Gospel Reading John 12:39-50  
†Profession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed  
Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson

“Samson, The Crusher of Heads”

Sermon Series: Judges

Offertory

†Doxology

#625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of Dedication

## GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.*

*If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.*

*The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.*

*During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”*

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

“In Christ Alone”

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

**Worship Leader:** Elder Tory Hooton

**Nursery Volunteers:** Deb Anderson, Karen Salyer

## CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, September 25th - *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

Wednesday, September 28th

7:00 p.m. . . . Session/WIC meeting

Thursday, September 29th

7:15 p.m. . . . Women’s Bible Study

❖ **Sunday School** classes for adults and children have resumed. Join us every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

❖ **Ladies Bible Study** is resuming! We will meet at the church at 7:15 p.m. every Thursday evening beginning September 29th. We plan to study the book of Luke. Contact Anika Fong if you would like a book purchased.

❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,789.04. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$140,194.48. Received 9/11: \$1,841.17. Received year-to-date: \$138,786.80.

❖ **September Birthdays:** (29) Charis Wood 2006

❖ **October Birthdays:** (2) Rene Sykes, (3) David Lano, (11) Isaac Hooton 2008, (14) Joe Barber, Josiah Holl 1995, (15) Phoebe Williams 2015, Karen Salyer, (24) John Lanka 2010, (25) Deb Elliott, Bethany Remm, (28) Ana Beerman, (29) Ahren Goodbrake 2018, (30) Mary Parish, (31) David Salyer

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

❖ That God would protect our pastors, elders and their families from the strategic attacks of Satan and grant them many years of fruitful ministry in Christ.

❖ **Presbytery:** The work of all our churches in the Platte Valley Presbytery.

❖ **Missions:** PCA Mission to North America (MNA) Church Planters and Families.

❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Rachel Goodbrake (Andrew David Arthur born 7/22), Rachael Hajda (Eliza Jane born 5/13), Kristin Holl.

## STAFF

**Pastors:** Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

**Elders:** Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, David Lano

**Deacons:** Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

**WIC:** Annie Hooton (President), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women’s Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)

**Custodians:** Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

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